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**Meeting:** Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee  
**Date:** 18 October 2011  
**Subject:** Work Programme 2011 – 2012 & Executive Forward Plan  
**Report of:** Chief Executive  
**Summary:** The report provides Members with details of the currently drafted Committee work programme and the latest Executive Forward Plan.

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**Public/Exempt:** Public  
**Wards Affected:** All  
**Function of:** Council

#### **CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

**Council Priorities:**

The work programme of the Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee will contribute indirectly to all 5 Council priorities.

**Financial:**

n/a

**Legal:**

n/a

**Risk Management:**

n/a

**Staffing (including Trades Unions):**

n/a

**Equalities/Human Rights:**

n/a

**Community Safety:**

n/a

**Sustainability:**

n/a

## **RECOMMENDATION(S):**

- 1. that the Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee**
  - (a) considers and approves the work programme attached, subject to any further amendments it may wish to make;**
  - (b) considers the Executive Forward Plan; and**
  - (c) considers whether it wishes to add any further items to the work programme and/or establish any Task Forces to assist it in reviewing specific items.**

### **Work Programme**

1. Attached at Appendix A is the currently drafted work programme for the Committee.
2. Also attached at Appendix B is the latest version of the Executive's Forward Plan so that Overview & Scrutiny Members are fully aware of the key issues Executive Members will be taking decisions upon in the coming months. Those items relating specifically to this Committee's terms of reference are shaded in light grey.
3. The Committee is now requested to consider the work programme attached and amend or add to it as necessary. This will allow officers to plan accordingly but will not preclude further items being added during the course of the year if Members so wish and capacity exists.

### **Task Forces**

4. In addition to consideration of the work programme, Members may also wish to consider how each item will be reviewed i.e. by the Committee itself (over one or a number of Committee meetings) or by establishing a Member Task Force to review an item in greater depth and report back its findings.

### **Conclusion**

5. Members are requested to consider and agree the attached work programme, subject to any further amendments/additions they may wish to make and highlight those items within it where they may wish to establish a Task Force to assist the Committee in its work.